

Directs Music Mania 25th anniversary year

STOUFFVILLE — If the Silver Anniversary of Music Mania reflects the personality of its director, the show's certain of success.

Ann Bell of Goodwood has accepted this responsibility. Together with Lovanna Sanders, the program's producer, they bring close to 25 years' experience to this milestone event.

The position, while new, isn't entirely unfamiliar to this buoyant mother of two. She served as an assistant director four years ago with Stouffville's Daphne Goldman in the lead. She was music director in '83.

Ann doesn't minimize the commitment and the sacrifices. Everything else, (with the exception of her family) must take second place.

"I discussed it first with my husband and children," she said, "they're totally supportive."

It was Linnell May who encouraged Ann to participate in her first Music Mania show ten years ago. She's been with the group ever since. "I love it," she says.

In the decade since, she's sung in the chorus, played in skits and even danced a tune or two. "I've been involved in just about everything except the technical end," she says.

Singing is Ann's strength, and those who know her best can vouch for her talent. She's been a member of the Uxbridge Chamber Choir and the Messiah Chorus; has sung at church services and at weddings.

She plays the piano by ear. "We have a bano just waiting for me to take lessons," she says with a smile.

Mrs. Wayne Bell, the former Ann Gage is a native of Coppins Corners. She attended Fifth Line (Uxbridge) School and Uxbridge High. Wayne and Ann have a daughter, Julianne, ten, and a son, Jamie, nine.

Because it's Music Mania's Silver Anniversary year, Ann's hoping for the return of former members, a kind of nostalgic event. The welcome mat's out, she says, we'll accommodate everyone.

She'd like the names in advance, however, because there's no way organizers can contact people personally. The theme, appropriately, is "25th Anniversary Party." The show will include acts old and new, Ann explained.

The first chorus practice is Jan. 10 — only eight weeks away. "We'll accommodate everyone," Ann can hardly wait.



Extends welcome to former members

Ann Bell of Goodwood will direct the 1985 edition of Music Mania. The producer is Lovanna Sanders of Stouffville. Since this is the show's Silver Anniversary year, former members are invited to return. "We'll accommodate everyone," Ann says. Show dates are April 25, 26

and 27. Ann's specialty is singing, although she's participated in both skits and dance numbers. The commitment has the full support of her family, she says, including husband Wayne and children, Julianne, ten and Jamie, nine.

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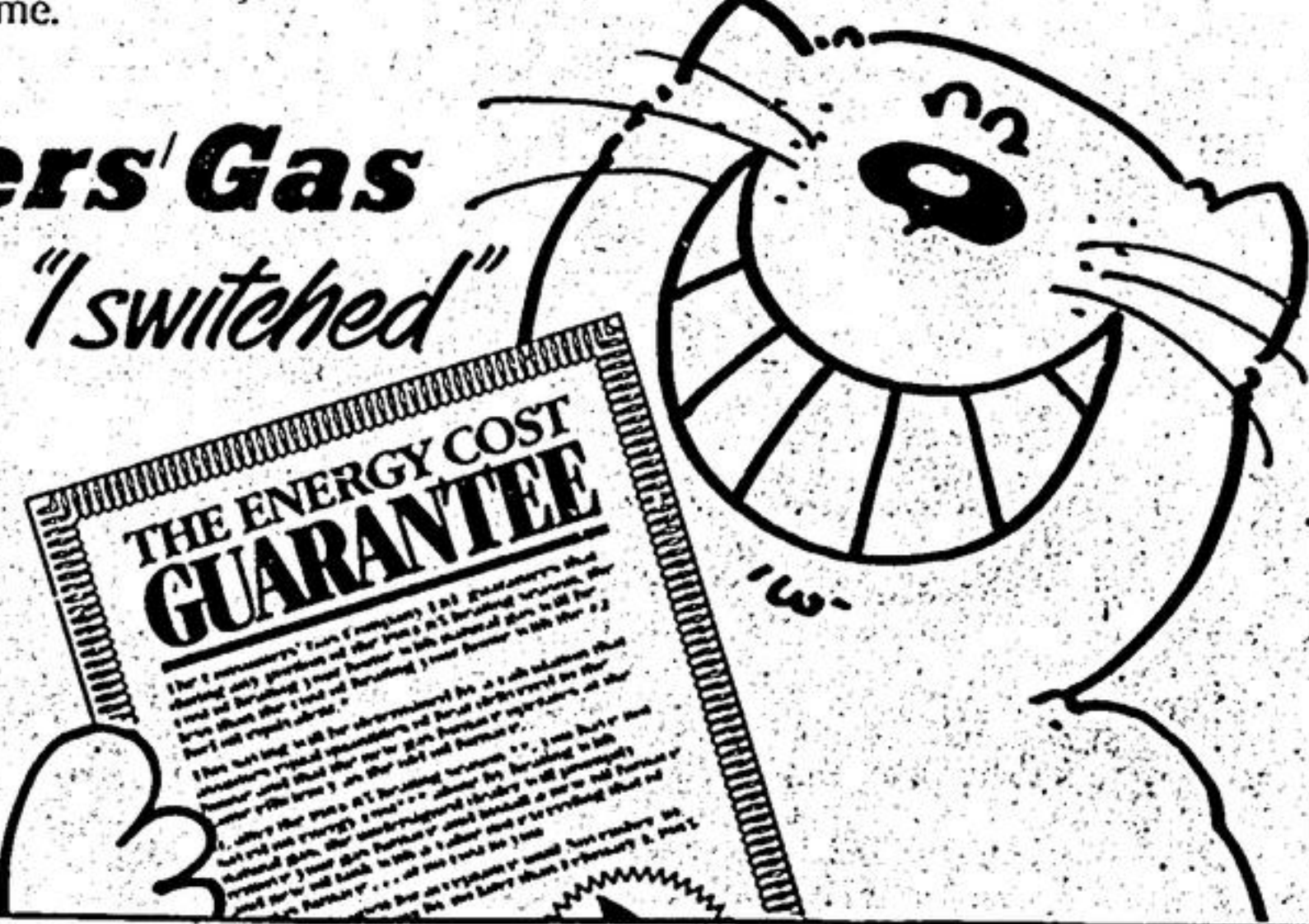
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